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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET

FROM: EDWIN MEESE III

SUBJECT: Federal Emergency Management Agency

As we discussed at the August Cabinet breakfast, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has been reorganized and revitalized to provide this Administration with a more effective means of handling domestic emergencies and civilian mobilization preparedness.

Since most departments and agencies of the federal government have a responsibility for mobilization preparedness, an Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board is being established to coordinate interagency activities in this field. At a Cabinet meeting in September we will be discussing the FEMA-Department of Defense plan for this Board.

In the meantime, Louis O. Giuffrida, Director of FEMA, will be contacting you to seek your help in activating the Secretariat and working groups of the Emergency Mobilization Preparedness Board.

It will be appreciated if you will give this project and Director Giuffrida your full cooperation.

cc: Louis O. Giuffrida